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## 25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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**A. SCHOOLS AND UNITS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE**

The following schools and units were

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Ministry of Defense.

subordinate directly to the Bulgarian

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Hq First Army 1.	Ministry of Defense	SOPHIA	

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in the  
VASIL LEVSKI officers school  
the First Army CG was also CG of  
the SOPHIA garrison. First Army  
was reputed to be responsible for  
border defenses adjacent to Yugo-  
slavia.

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Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks	25X1
Hq Second Army 1.	Ministry of Defense	PLOVDIV	CG unk. [redacted] [redacted] this Hq. It was re- puted to be responsible for border defense adjacent to Greece.	25X1 25X1 25X1
Hq Third Army 1.	Ministry of Defense	SLIVEN (4240N- 2619E)	CG was Gen-Maj Ivan DZUROV. The Soviet advisor was Gen-Lt (fnu) SOIDATOV. 7. [redacted] It was re- puted to be responsible for border defenses adjacent to Turkey.	25X1
U/1 Corps Hq 1.	Ministry of Defense	DOLNI- CHIFLIK (4259N- 2742E) VARNA	CG was Gen-Maj (nu). The Zampolit [redacted] last unit came from VARNA and told [redacted] about this Corps. On 16 Aug 53 officers of an u/1 div in BURGAS told him also that they were under this Corps. In Mar 54, his former Bn CO told him that he had been transferred to this Corps Hq. This Corps was reputed to be in charge of coastal defenses of the Black Sea. 10. It was commonly, though unofficially, referred to as the "Black Sea Corps".	25X1 25X1
U/1 Tk Div 2.	Ministry of Defense	KAZANICK (4237N- 2524E)	[redacted] alleged to be in GHQ Reserve but attached to the First Army for support.	25X1
U/1 Rocket Launcher Regt 2.	Ministry of Defense	SOPHIA	[redacted] An arty instructor in the Vasil Levski officers school and EM of a rocket launcher demonstration team told him about this regt. They also told him that all rocket launcher and 152 mm and heavier arty units were assigned, in some manner, to an organization called the GHQ Reserve. (RGK Rezerv Glahvno Komandvanay)	25X1
U/1 Hvy AT Arty Regt 1.	Min of Defense	NOVA ZAGORA (4229N- 2601E)	[redacted] [redacted] this unit was equipped with 45 mm AT guns. He could not reconcile the discrepancy between this light type of armament and the name of the regt.	25X1 25X1

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U/1 Hvy Mortar Unit 2.	Min of Defense	SOPHIA (?)	[REDACTED] 25X1
U/1 Rifle Bn 1.	Min of Defense	RUSE	CO unk. [REDACTED] an officer in DOSO [REDACTED] had been CO of this company. He also had a friend, Lt Erdan Lazarov MARKOV, who had been a platoon leader in this battalion prior to joining [REDACTED] unit in 1952. 25X1 25X1 25X1 This battalion was listed as GHO Reserve. [REDACTED] it was to be expanded in wartime, with its designation changed to "11th Rifle Regt". 25X1
People's Combat Arty School 1.	3. Min of Defense	SHUMEN	[REDACTED] 25X1 this school [REDACTED] had two courses: one for EM and one for civilians which lasted 2 years. 25X1
Cavalry Officers' School 1.	Min of Defense	SILISTRA (4408N- 2712E)	[REDACTED] 25X1
Sig Officers' School 1.	Min of Defense	SILISTRA	[REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] the school course lasted two years and that the school had from 250 to 300 students. 25X1
People's Military Rear Serv- ice School	Min of Defense	RUSE	CO unk. School had strength of 2 battalions, with 400 men to each bn. [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1
"Vasil Levski" People's Combat Inf Officer School 1.	Min of Defense	SOPHIA	CO was Col Stancho KHADZIEV in 1951 and 1952. [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] The course normally lasted 3 years, but there were many vacancies in the Bulgarian Army in 1951 because of a purge at that time. 25X1
SUVOROV Combat Inf School	Min of Defense	SOPHIA	CO was Col Stancho KHADZIEV, the same as that of the Vasil Levski School. Both these schools were in the same bldg. The SUVOROV School, however, was a cadet school on the middle school level. It had 200 students.

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Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks	
"Georgi Sava Rakov-ski" General Staff, Tactical and Technical Academy 1.	Min of Defense	SOPHIA	CO in 1951 was Gen-Lt Slavcho TRENSKI and Gen-Lt Ivan KINOV in 1953. (KINOV was later Ass't Minister of Defense and Colonel General in rank.) School had from 150 to 200 students and had both regular, 3 year course and 1 year short course. It was in adjacent bldg to Vasil Levski school.	25X1
"Joseph STALIN" People's War Political Officers School 1.	Min of Defense	SOPHIA	CO unk. Number of students unk. Course lasted for 1 year.	25X1 25X1
People's Military Language School 1.	Min of Defense	SOPHIA	CO unk. Course lasted 2 years. Had 20 to 30 students studying western languages plus Turkish, Greek, Russian.	25X1 25X1
"Joseph STALIN" Military Political Academy 1.	Min of Defense	SOPHIA	CO unk. Was a school for senior officers only.	25X1 25X1
People's War Engr Officers School 1.	Min of Defense	SVISHTOV (4337N-2519E)	CO unk. The engr officer of Course lasted 2 (?) years.	25X1
Sig Offi-cers School 1.	Min of Defense	SILISTRA	CO unk. Course lasted 2 years, School had 250 to 300 students.	25X1
U/1 Tk School for Officers 2.	Min of Defense	BOTEVGRAD (4254N-2347E)	all officer candidates who reported were divided into different groups, each of which was sent to a different school for officers' training. One group was sent to this tk school.	25X1
"CHRISTO BOTIV School 4.	Min of Defense	TERNOVO (4304N-2540E)	CO unk. At this school, instruction was given to officer candidates from all branches of service. Upon completion of instruction, they were usually discharged with a reserve officer's commission. However, after 1948-49, some graduates were sent on active duty as officers to complete their initial military service requirements.	

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Unit	Subordination	Location	Remarks
U/1 Mil Prison	Min of Defense	SLIVEN	CO unk. [ ] this prison held both military offenders and civilian political prisoners. Military personnel sent to this prison had been convicted of major crimes such as murder or sleeping at a guard post.

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## B. FIRST ARMY UNITS

The following Army units were subordinate to the First Army, whose headquarters of which were in SOPHIA.

Unit	Subordination	Location	Remarks
14th Tank Brig 1.	First Army	SOPHIA	CO unk. [ ] tank tactics instructor in the Vasil Levski officers school, Capt (fnu) ILCHEV, claimed that he was from this unit.
U/1 Arty or Inf 2. Regt or Higher Unit	First Army	GARA PIRIN (4143N-2310E)	[ ] Bulgarian Army had a large unit located in the only pass which could be used by Yugoslav troops to enter Bulgaria in this area.

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## C. SECOND ARMY UNITS

The following Army units were subordinate to the Second Army, the headquarters of which were in SOPHIA.

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Unit	Subordination	Location	Remarks
U/1 Rifle Div	Second Army	PLEVEN (4325N-2436E)	[ ]
17th Tk Brig 1.	Second Army	PLOVIDIV	[ ]

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## D. THIRD ARMY UNITS

The following Army units were subordinate to the Third Army, the headquarters of which was in YAMBOL. Unless otherwise listed, subordination was directly to the Third Army.

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Unit	Subordination	Location	Remarks
7th Rifle Div 1.	Third Army	YAMBOL (4228N-2631E)	CO was Col (fnu) ASEN OV. [ ]

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Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks	25X1 25X1
82d Rifle Regt 1.	7th Rifle Div	YAMBOL	CO was Capt (nu). [redacted] previous CO was a Maj (nu) who had been relieved by the CO of the unit's parent division and made Dep CO for Line Matters to a captain who took over command.	25X1 25X1
U/1 Rifle Regt 1.	7th Rifle Div	ELHOVO (4210N- 2633E)	[redacted]	25X1
U/1 Rifle Regt 1.	7th Rifle Div	BOYANOVO (4215N- 2637E)	[redacted] personnel from this unit in BOYANOVO, and they told [redacted] about this unit in 1953.	25X1 25X1
U/1 Arty Regt 1.	7th Rifle Div	YAMBOL	[redacted]	25X1
U/1 Tk Bn 1.	7th Rifle Div	YAMBOL	[redacted]	
72d HMG- Arty Bn 1.	7th Rifle Div	MAMARCHEVO (4207N- 2645E) 18 kms ESE of ELHOVO	[redacted]	
83d HMG- Arty Bn 1.	7th Rifle Div	FAKIYA (4212N- 2703E)	[redacted]	25X1 25X1
1st HMG- Arty Co 1.	83d HMG- Arty Bn	GORSKA- POLYANA (coord not available)	CO was Sr Lt Ravel Petrov KEHEZOV. [redacted]	25X1
2d HMG- Arty Co 1.	83d HMG- Arty Bn	ZHELYAZ- KOVO(4209N- 2701E (was MOMINA-TSURKVA)	CO was Lt (fnu) ZAMFIROV. [redacted]	25X1 25X1
3d HMG- Arty Co 1.	83d HMG- Arty Bn	FAKIYA	CO was Lt (fnu) IVANOV. [redacted]	25X1 25X1
4th HMG- Arty 1.	83d HMG Arty Bn	FAKIYA	CO was Lt Marin Petrov ILIEV. [redacted]	25X1
5th HMG- Arty 1. Co	83d HMG- Arty Bn	GORSKA- POLYANA (coord not available)	CO was Lt Kiro UZUMOV. [redacted]	25X1 25X1
AT Btry 1.	83d HMG- Arty Bn	GORSKA- POLYANA (coord not available)	CO was Lt (fnu) MARCHEV. [redacted]	25X1 25X1

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Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks
AA Plat 1.	83d HMG- Arty Bn	FAKIYA	CO was Lt Zhivko Vamilov ZHEKOV. 25X1
House- keeping 1. Plat	83d HMG- Arty Bn	FAKIYA	CO was M/Sgt Kolya DOBHEV. 25X1 25X1
U/1 Com- bat (Ski- yornyy) Engr Bn 1.	7th Rifle Div	ELKHOVO	25X1
U/1 Sig Bn 1.	7th Rifle Div	BOYANOVO	25X1
U/1 Recon Co 1.	7th Rifle Div	YAMBOL	CO unk. 25X1 this company was located in YAMBOL. It was alleged to consist of 3 platoons: 1 motorcycle, 1 horse and 1 inf (armed with SMG's) 25X1
U/1 Chem Co 1.	7th Rifle Div	YAMBOL	25X1
U/1 Sig Bn 3.	7th Rifle Div	BOYANOV	25X1
18th Rifle Div 1.	Third Army	SHUMEN (4316N- 2655E)	CO was Col (fnu) DUPENOV. 25X1 25X1
29th Rifle Regt 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN	CO was Lt Col (fnu) MARINOV. 25X1 25X1
47th Rifle Regt 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN	25X1
46th Rifle Regt 1.	18th Rifle Div	DOBRICH (4201N- 2530E)	CO was Maj (fnu) BRETINOV. 25X1 25X1
U/1 Arty Regt 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN	
U/1 Com- bat Engr Bn 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN	
U/1 Tk Bn 1.	18 Rifle Div	SHUMEN	
U/1 Sig Bn 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN	

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Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks	
U/1 Recon Co 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN		25X1
U/1 Chem Co 1.	18th Rifle Div	SHUMEN		25X1
22d Rifle Div 1.	Third Army (4155N- 2532E)	KHASKOVO (4155N- 2532E)		25X1
U/1 Motor Rifle Regt 1	22d Rifle Div	KHASKOVO	CO unk. this u/1 regt participated in a border clash with Greeks in early 1953.	25X1
U/1 Rifle or Arty Regt 6.	22d Rifle Div	MARITSA (4209N- 2425E)		25X1
U/1 Rifle Regt 1.	22d Rifle Div	HARMANLII (4155N- 2554E)	CO unk.	25X1
U/1 HMG- Arty Bn	22d Rifle Div	LYUBIMETS (4150N- 2605E)	CO unk.	25X1
U/1 Recon Co	22d Rifle Div	KHASKOVO	CO unk. Capt (fnu) SAVOV in 1954 claimed to have once commanded this company.	25X1 25X1
U/1 Moun- tain Inf Brig 1.	Third Army	ZVEZDETS (4207N- 2724E)	CO was Col (fnu) VASEV.	25X1 25X1
U/1 Moun- tain Inf Bn	U/1 Moun- tain Inf Brig, Third Army	MICHURIN (coord not available)	CO was Capt (nu).	25X1 25X1
U/1 Tk Brig 1.9	Third Army	SLIVEN		25X1
U/1 Truck Transp Regt 1.	Third Army	SLIVEN	CO unk. A number of trucks from this regt were used in 1953 to haul construction material to FAKIYA, where new barracks were being built.	25X1 25X1

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Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks
U/1 Epgr Regt 1.	Third Army	SLIVEN	
U/1 Sig Regt 1.	Third Army	SLIVEN	
U/1 Gun Arty Regt 1.	Third Army	RUSE	
U/1 How Arty Regt 1.	Third Army	SHUMEN	
U/1 Chem Bn 1.	Third Army	SLIVEN	
U/1 Recon Bn	Third Army	SLIVEN	
Mobiliza- tion Dumps 1.	Third Army	SHUMEN area	

number of 152 mm guns (?) of this  
regt break the ice on the Danube  
river in 1954.

this depot stored  
arms and ammunition. It had many  
bldgs and guards, the latter amount-  
ing to platoon strength and carry-  
ing SMG's, not rifles. The dump  
area was also known as ELCHOVIYA  
(coordinates unk).

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## E. UNIDENTIFIED ARMY CORPS UNITS

The following Army units were subordinate to an unidentified Corps, the headquarters of which were located in BURGAS. This was commonly known as the "Black Sea Corps". 10.

Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks
U/1 Coast Arty Btry	U/1 unit, u/1 Corps	SHABLA (4331N- 2833E)	

the btry had 2 to 4  
heavy coast arty railroad guns,  
about 305 mm, which were sitting on  
a spur track built in a semi-circu-  
lar shape.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U/1 Coast Arty Btry	U/1 unit, u/1 Corps	SOZOPOL (4224N- 2742E)	CO unk. [redacted] 25X1 this unit [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] had the same arma- 25X1 ment as the btry in SHABLA.
U/1 Rifle Div 1.	U/1 Corps	BURGAS	[redacted] 25X1
U/1 Rifle Regt	U/1 Rifle Div	TSAREVO (4242N- 2715E)	[redacted]
U/1 Diver- ty Regt 1.	U/1 Rifle Div	ZVEZDETS (?)	[redacted]
U/1 Tk Bn 1.	U/1 Rifle Div	BURGAS	[redacted]

#### F. MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

[redacted] did not know the subordination of the following miscellaneous Army units. 25X1

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U/1 AA Unit	Unk	SOPHIA	[redacted] 25X1
Two (2) U/1 AA Btry's 1.	Unk	RUSE	[redacted] 25X1 These two btry's were alleged to have shot down an u/1 US (?) aircraft in 1953.
U/1 Cav Regt (Horse)	Unk	SILISTRA	[redacted] 25X1
7th Cav Regt (Horse) 1.	Unk	RAZGRAD (4332N- 2631E)	[redacted]
8th Cav Regt (Horse) 1.	Unk	DOBRICH	[redacted]
U/1 Mil Hospital	Unk	BURGAS	[redacted]

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U/1 Mil Hospital	Unk	SLIVEN	
U/1 Mil Hospital	Unk	SHUMEN	
U/1 Guards Div (branch of service unk)	Unk	About 40 miles from SOPHIA, on road to TSARIGRAD	CG was Gen-Maj (fnu) ANEV. [redacted] horse cavalry elements of this div on parade in SOPHIA in 1951. [redacted] assignment to this unit was a distinct honor for an officer. The latter earned it for meritorious or outstanding service.

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## G. INTERNAL SECURITY UNITS OR INSTALLATIONS

<u>Units</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U/1 Interior Regt 1.	Min of Interior Affairs(MVD)	PLEVEN	
U/1 Interior Regt	Min of Interior Affairs(MVD)	SOPHIA	
U/1 Interior Regt 1.	Min of Interior Affairs(MVD)	BURGAS	
U/1 Interior Regt	Min of Interior Affairs(MVD)	MARITSA	
Peoples War Frontier Sch 1	Min of Interior Affairs(MVD)	SOPHIA	
U/1 Frontier (EG) Otryad (Regt) 1.	U/1 Frontier Unit(possibly brigade size)	DOBRICH	
U/1 Frontier Otryad 1.	U/1 Frontier Unit(possibly brigade size)	RUSE	CO unk Lt Col. [redacted] Address in RUSE was #7 Dmitri Blagov Ulitsa.
U/1 Frontier Control Check Point 1.	U/1 Frontier Otryad in RUSE	RUSE	
U/1 Frontier Otryad 1.	U/1 Frontier Unit(possibly brigade size)	ELHOVO	
U/1 Frontier Kommendantura (Bn)	U/1 Frontier Otryad in ELHOVO	FAKIYA	CO was Sr Lt (fnu) STOYANOV. [redacted]

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# H. SOVIET MILITARY UNITS OR INSTALLATIONS

Unit	Subordi- nation	Location	Remarks	
U/1 Sov Radar Co2.	Unk	INDZHE VOIVODA (4213N- 2724E)	this company was made up of only Sov personnel.	25X1 25X1 25X1
			the Mountain Inf Brig, FPN 70120, was guarding this Soviet company.	25X1

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Comment 1: These organizations were listed originally in [redacted] from Arma Greece; but in many cases no great amount of qualifying data was listed in the Arma reports

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Comment 2: These organizations were also originally listed in [redacted] from Arma Greece. However, because of the relatively large number of order of battle items volunteered [redacted], they were omitted during the preliminary stages here, so to speak.

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Comment 10: [redacted] the "Black Sea Corps" at  
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Comment 11: [redacted] positively identified the  
rocket launchers as the Soviet 82 mm rocket launcher  
type.

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